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**LETTER**

It has come to the attention of the undersigned that the signature page (page 11) of the amendment submitted January 13, 2004, in response to the office action dated August 14, 2003, was accidentally submitted without signature. The undersigned therefore resubmits the signature page 11 that is now properly signed.

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Claims 75-79 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over *Cranston Jr., et al. (US 2,830,631)* and *Onsrud (US 2,593,691)*.

Claims 75-79 should be allowable as dependent claims of claim 61.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Claims 81-99 are allowed.

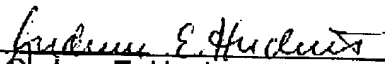
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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